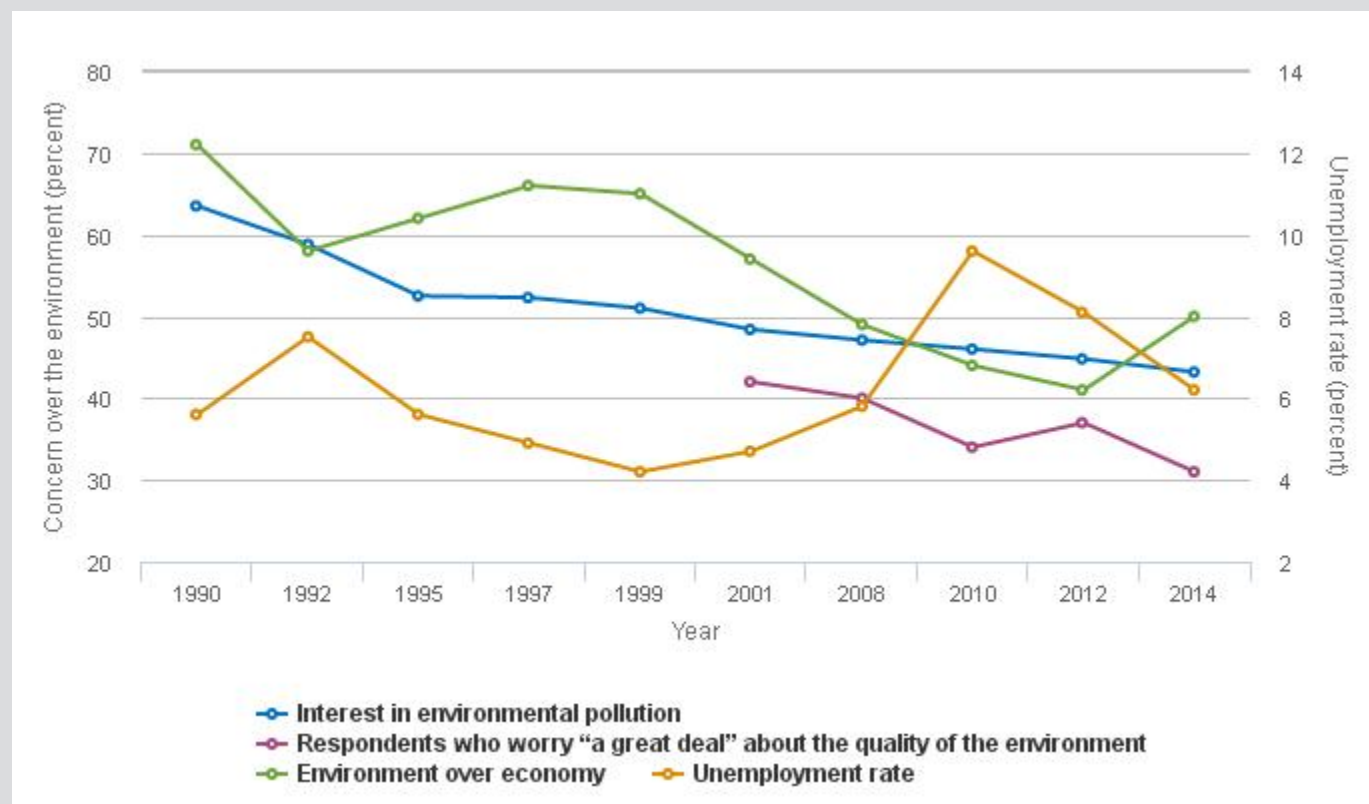


**Figure 7-19**
**Relation between the economy and concern over the environment: 1990–2014**


NA = not available; question not asked.

NOTES: Responses to the following:

- *There are a lot of issues in the news, and it is hard to keep up with every area. I'm going to read you a short list of issues, and for each one I would like you to tell me if you are very interested, moderately interested, or not at all interested.* Figure shows only responses for "very interested."
- *How much do you personally worry about the quality of the environment: a great deal, a fair amount, only a little, or not at all?* Figure shows only responses for "a great deal." Poll conducted annually in March.
- *With which one of these statements about the environment and the economy do you most agree: protection of the environment should be given priority, even at the risk of curbing economic growth (or) economic growth should be given priority, even if the environment suffers to some extent?*

SOURCES: National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Public Attitudes Toward and Understanding of Science and Technology (1990–2001); University of Chicago, National Opinion Research Center, General Social Survey (2008–14); Gallup, Climate Change: Environment, <http://www.gallup.com/poll/1615/environment.aspx#>, accessed 10 August 2015; Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics (various years).